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SECNAV Instruction 2400.2A Provides Updated DON Policy Regarding Electromagnetic Environment Policy and Management

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On Feb. 2, 2018, Under Secretary of the Navy Thomas B. Modly signed SECNAV Instruction 2400.2A, "Electromagnetic Environmental Effects and Space Weather Event Preparedness Policy and Management." This update to SECNAV Instruction 2400.2 expands upon the original 2011 version in establishing additional related Department of the Navy (DON) policy for electromagnetic environmental effects, space weather event preparedness, and continuity of operations.

This forward leaning document includes specific instruction regarding electromagnetic environmental activity such as coronal mass ejection and electromagnetic pulse, and assigns responsibility to consider a range of electromagnetic environmental impacts when developing, implementing, managing, and evaluating electromagnetic environmental and space weather programs, policies, procedures, and controls.

The initial instruction, SECNAV Instruction 2400.2 "Electromagnetic Environment Policy and Management," was first issued in August 2011 to implement DoD policy on Electromagnetic Environmental Effects and to establish DON policy regarding management of the Electromagnetic Environment. It was among the first high level federal spectrum policies to recognize the electromagnetic environment as on par with water, air and land, and as an environment that requires protection.

SECNAV Instruction 2400.2A can be accessed from the [Department of the Navy Issuances website](#).

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